

Nome, Alaska, July 18, 1913.

Mr. F. B. Snowden,

Kotzebue, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 12th relative to your arrival at Kotzebue came last night on the steamer "Alaska". I had hoped to see Mr. Jones on this boat so that I could confer with him about many of the reindeer affairs of your district.

I can give you no information relative to the boat Dr. Barber turned over to you until I hear from Seattle regarding the supplies. I suggest that you keep an account of all the expenses connected with this boat and send vouchers with subvouchers attached.

You also state that Mr. Shields wrote you with regard to your freight. Of course, I know nothing about your freight whether it is on the "Transit" or whether you have received it. I hope it is on the "Transit" and that it will go up when Capt. Backlund takes the Government supplies to your station. I will state at this time that Capt. Backlund has the contract for carrying the Government freight up the rivers.

I am enclosing your check for April and May. I trust that you will be able to spend it in a satisfactory manner at Kotzebue. You will be able to buy considerable gasoline with

this check, at least enough to keep the boat running during the duck-hunting season.

As I expect to go north on the "Bear" this summer, I shall probably see you at Kotzebue.

Very respectfully,

Special Disbursing Agent.

Enclosure.

Chuch for 5220.